GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of psychotropic drugs in the country ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the step taken to ensure the availability of these drugs in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): In view of the insistence of certain requirements under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Rules by Ministry of Finance there was a temporary dislocation in the supply of Psychotropic Drugs. However, the Ministry of Finance has issued necessary amendment to the NDPS Rules vide notification GSR 104 (E) dated 25.2.2005. Thereafter there has been no shortage of these drugs.